Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 04 May 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 05 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 03 May 2023 at 10:16 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for dry weather on Thursday then change to showery conditions on Friday and over the weekend. Lower confidence on day to day detail from Friday onwards.

Headline for Thursday 04 May 2023: Dry. Rather cloudy. Cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 04 May 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
20%	10%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023

Weather: It will be a dry and rather cloudy day. Some bright or sunny spells, particularly in the west over Creag Meadaigh and Monadhliath. Bitterly cold with gusty winds on the higher tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, best in west.

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility beneath the cloud which will be fairly extensive in east of area around 700 to 800m. Clouds more patchy in west with the base of the main cloud canopy above many of the tops.

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Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	25/32 SE	26/34 SE	30/38 SE	33/47 SE	36/50 SE	36/52 SE	35/50 SE	36/46 SE	37/48 SE
900	18/26 SE	19/28 SE	22/32 SE	27/39 SE	30/43 SE	29/43 SE	28/41 SE	27/38 SE	21/29 SE
600	8/14 SE	10/17 SE	13/23 SE	19/32 SE	21/35 SE	21/35 SE	19/32 SE	13/23 SE	7/13 S
300	3/5 NE	3/5 NE	3/6 NE	6/12 E	10/22 SE	11/22 SE	8/17 E	5/10 E	3/8 E
Glen	2/7 S	2/7 S	2/8 S	5/12 SE	7/17 SE	7/15 SE	5/13 SE	3/10 S	3/10 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-6	-0/-8	-1/-10	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-11	-3/-12	-3/-13	-3/-13
900	6/2	6/1	4/-1	4/-2	3/-4	3/-3	4/-3	2/-4	0/-6
600	8/6	7/4	6/2	5/0	5/-0	5/-0	4/-1	3/-1	2/-1
300	8/7	7/6	7/6	9/7	9/7	9/6	7/5	5/3	4/3
Glen	8/7	6/6	6/6	10/8	11/8	10/9	8/7	6/4	4/3
Freezing Level*	1700m	1600m	1500m	1100m	1000m	1000m	900m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very difficult walking conditions over higher ridges and summits due to strong, gusty winds and bitterly cold feel.

Forecast for Friday 05 May 2023
Weather: Morning brightness in west of area otherwise a cloudy day. A mostly dry start then showery rain edging up from the south later in morning and during afternoon. Some heavier showers possible in the evening.

Maximum wind: Strong southeast winds, average speeds of 30mph with gusts 40 to 50mph, possibly 60mph over top of Cairngorm plateau.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best in west.

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility becoming mostly restricted to western ranges by afternoon. Otherwise turning hazy with poor visibility in heavier showers. Clouds will be extensive and coming well down the hills by afternoon, especially in east of area.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 Celsius rising to 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius rising to 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1200m at first, lifting above the summits by the afternoon.

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